

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 23, 2025

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Mark Minor opened in prayer and Marci Glover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Shane Cockrum, Jay Copple and Stacia Sloan. Board members absent: Robin LaBuwi and Mitch Bennett.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Sydney Redmon, Student Council Representative and Amy Kolodziej, BEA Representative.

4. (CLOSED) EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Collective Bargaining

Jay Copple made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and Collective Bargaining. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the executive board room at 5:31 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:43 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Mark Minor – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, and Marci Glover – yes. Board members absent: Robin LaBuwi and Mitch Bennett.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Sydney Redmon, Student Council Representative and Amy Kolodziej, BEA Representative.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Public Budget Hearing Minutes, September 18, 2025
Regular Board Meeting Minutes, September 23, 2025
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, September 23, 2025

5.2 Approve Financial Report (September 2025)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (September 2025)

5.4 Approve HOSA Field Trip for Health Professions Day at SEMO in Cape Girardeau, MO on Friday, October 24, 2025

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Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, board members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes and Mark Minor – yes. Motion carried.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Project Updates and Facility Improvements
- *Inside the Corral* Updates
- School Maintenance Project Grant has been released, and will have a proposal for the board at the November or December meeting. This will be another \$50,000 matching grant.
- Fall enrollment was 566
- Curriculum meetings will be held November 5th, 12th and 19th.

Mr. Docherty and Mr. Miller provided written reports.

Mr. Garner shared a monthly athletic newsletter to staff and board members emails.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve Joe Smith as an Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach for the 25-26 SY. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Kevin Tate as the Head Girls Wrestling Coach for the 25-26 SY. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Employment of Personnel

9.3 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions

9.4 Approve Continued Attendance of Student at BCHS as per IHSA By-Law 3.034.2 Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve the continued attendance of BCHS student as per IHSA By-Law 3.034.2 as presented for the 2025-26 SY. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.5 Review/Approve Purchase Agreement for a Used Van from Weeks in Benton Jay Copple made a motion to approve the purchase agreement for a used driver's ed van from Weeks in Benton as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

Stacia Sloan commented on the following:

- Kudos to Lucas Roberts for his great efforts to homecoming, as well as all others involved.
- Kudos to Dr. Martin and the FAFSA presentation that was available in the library during the parent teacher conferences. It was very helpful.
- Recommendation for future parent teacher conferences would be to add signage outside the classrooms stating the teacher name. Maps which were provided were very helpful, but this could be an additional help for those not familiar with the school.
- Thank you to Mr. Garner and Mr. Webb for taking students to the FCA Leadership Summit at Rend Lake College. Her daughter commented it was one of her most favorite things she has done in her high school career.

Marci Glover commented on the following:

- East Gym is looking amazing. A new backdrop for the stage truly puts the final touches.
- Parent teacher conferences were very pleasant and we have some great staff at BCHS. She enjoys the easy conversations you can have with our teachers.

11. ADJOURNMENT Jay Copple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 P.M. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY